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NEEDED IMPLEMENTATION.
2. NYERERE ANTICIPATED NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US ON THE DETAILS OF AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION -- HE SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE KIND OF CONSTITUION THE BRITISH HAD IN MIND.

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